

No. 68.

MARCH 1, 1808.

Read the first and second time, and committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

A Bill,

Authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States.



1 *BE it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the*
2 *United States of America, in congress assembled, That the president*
3 *of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, at such times*
4 *as he shall deem necessary, to require of the executives of the seve-*
5 *ral states and territories to take effectual measures to organize,*
6 *arm and equip, according to law, and hold in readiness to march at*
7 *a moment's warning, their respective proportion of one hundred*
8 *thousand militia, officers included, to be apportioned by the presi-*
9 *dent of the United States from the latest militia returns in the de-*
10 *partment of war.*

1 *Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the executives of the*
2 *several states and territories may accept, as part of the said de-*
3 *tachment, any corps of volunteers who shall engage to continue in*
4 *service six months after they arrive at the place of rendezvous.*

1 Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the detachment of militia
2 and volunteers aforesaid, shall be officered out of the present mili-
3 tia officers, ~~or others~~, at the option and discretion of the constitu-
4 tional authority in the respective states and territories, the presi-
5 dent apportioning the general officers among the respective states
6 and territories as he may deem proper.

1 Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the said detachments
2 shall not be compelled to serve a longer time than six months af-
3 ter they arrive at the place of rendezvous, and that during the time
4 of their service, they shall be entitled to the same pay, rations, and
5 allowance for clothing as are established by law for the army of the
6 United States.

1 Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the president of the
2 United States be, and he is hereby authorized to call into actual
3 service any part, or the whole of said detachment, when he shall
4 judge that the exigencies of the United States require it; and, if a
5 part only of said detachment shall be called into actual service, they
6 shall be taken from such part thereof as the president of the United
7 States shall deem proper.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That a sum not exceeding
dollars be, and the same
is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury, not other-
wise appropriated, for the pay, subsistence, and support of such
part of said detachment as may be called into actual service.

1 Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue
2 and be in force for the term of two years from the passing thereof.
3 and no longer.